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**REMARKS**

Applicants elect the chemical species of 2-amino-N-(2-(3a-(R)-benzyl-2-methyl-3-oxo-2,3,3a,4,6,7-hexahydro-pyrazolo-[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-1-(R)-benzyloxymethyl-2-oxo-ethyl)-isobutyramide, which is the compound listed in claim 20.

Applicants also elect the functional health status of claim 11, which is where functional independence of the patient is preserved.

Applicants have been requested to "specify whether an additional agent of claims 26-38 is present." Applicants elect to prosecute the claims wherein an additional agent of claims 26-38 is not present and preserves the right to file divisional applications directed to the combination aspect of claims 26-38 in accordance with this restriction requirement.

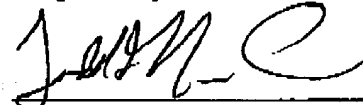
The claims that read on the elected species are claims 1, 11, 12, and 15-21.

Consideration and allowance of claims 1-12, 15-21 and 26-38 is respectfully requested.

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